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Electronic Filing Expanded to Include Manufacturers, Extractors

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 21, 2001—Washington manufacturers and extractors now are eligible to file and pay their state taxes using the Department of Revenue's free Electronic Filing service (ELF).

The latest additions to the list of eligible businesses means that virtually every business that pays business and occupation taxes can now file electronically, Agency Acting Director Will Rice said. This includes printers and publishers.

Electronic filing has been available since 1998, but it took until now to work out the complexities associated with calculating the multiple activities tax credit available to manufacturers that do business in multiple states, he said.

The multiple activities tax credit prevents businesses from overpaying their taxes, but calculating it is a complex process that has deterred some businesses from even trying to figure it out. The logic of the new step-by-step online system will help businesses determine the correct credit without confusion, Rice said.

The only remaining businesses that don't yet qualify for ELF include businesses that pay public utility taxes, lodging taxes and certain specialty taxes. These businesses will be added to the list of eligible businesses as quickly as possible, he said.

For more information on filing electronic, go to <http://dor.wa.gov/elf/elfcontent.asp> or call 1-800-647-7706.

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